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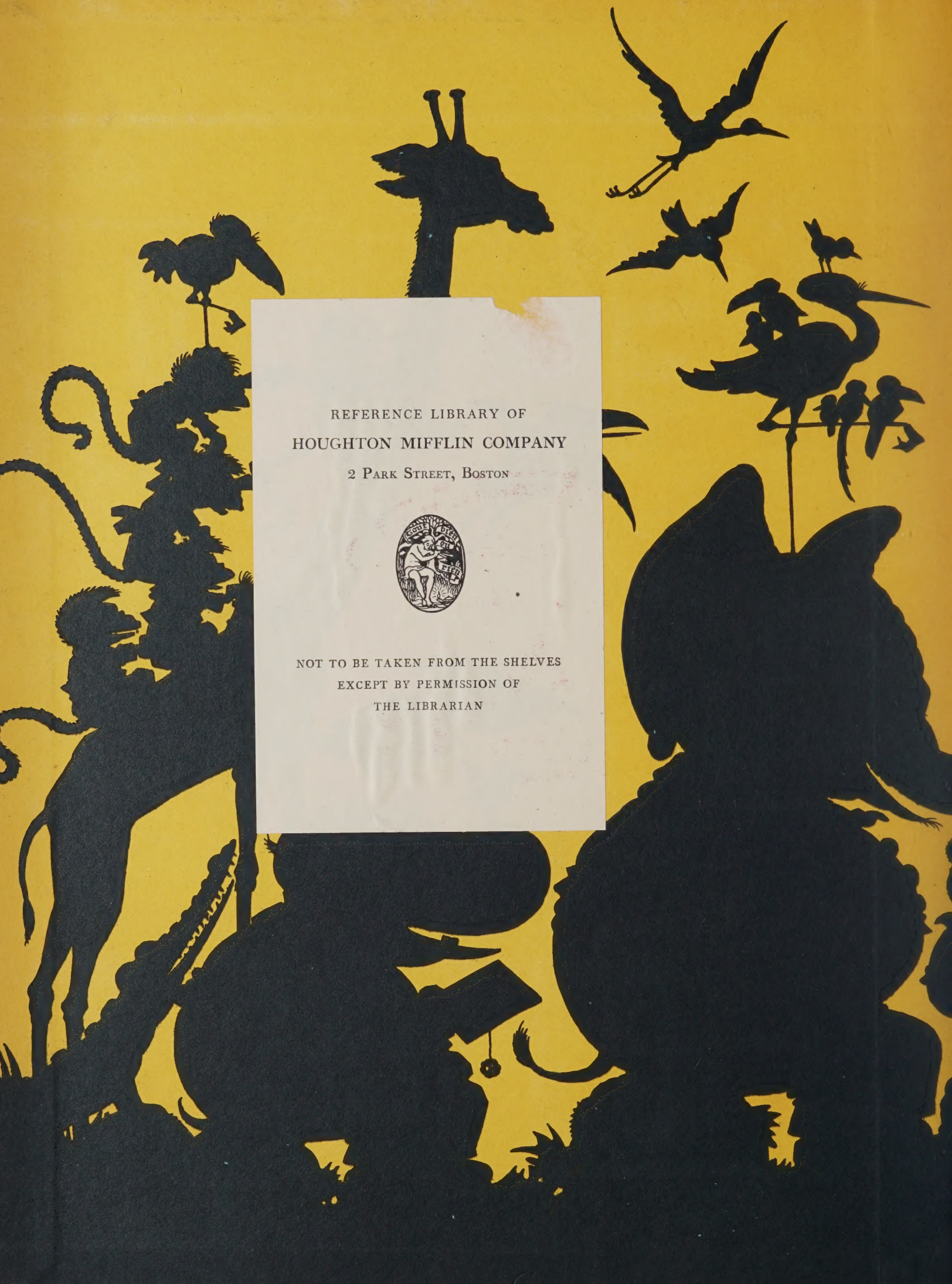

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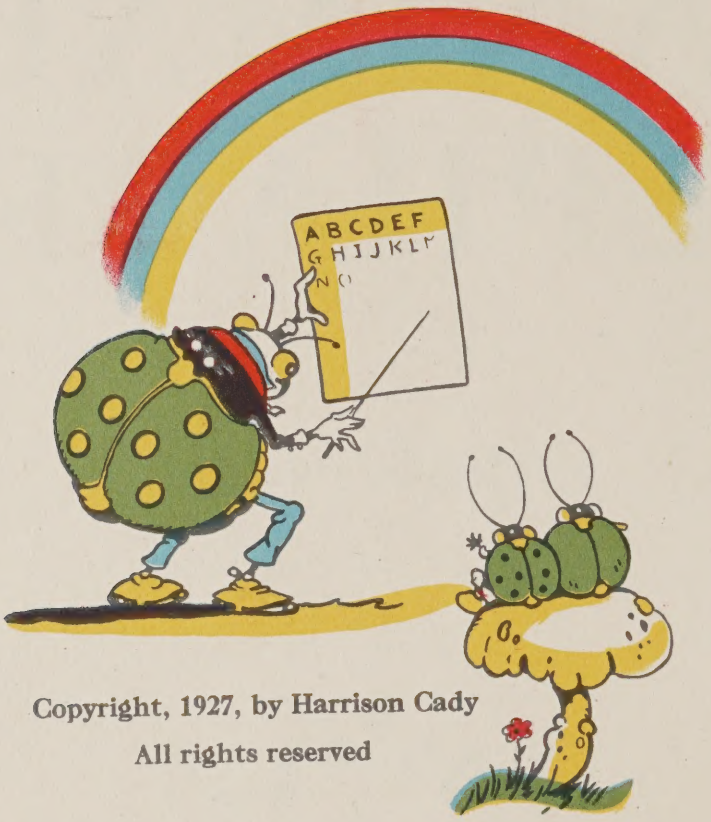

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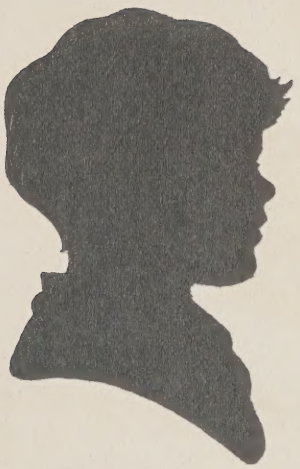

TO "SUNNY" ELDREDGE

who knows his A B C's

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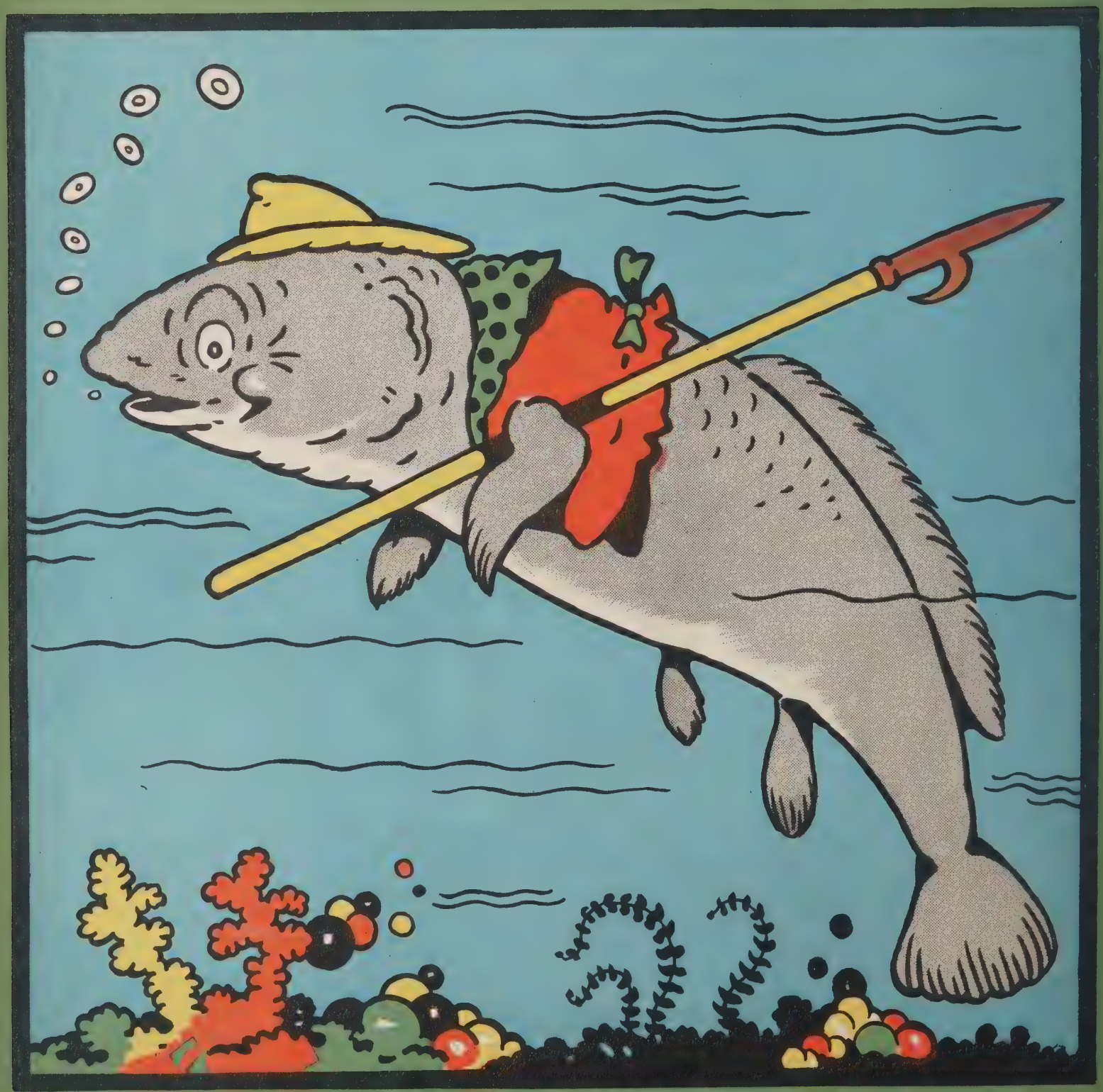
A is an amiable old Alligator.
He's amiable now, but look out for him later!

B is for Bear with a fondness
for sweets,
And when he finds honey
Woof! Woof! how he eats!

C is for Crow, and oh, he is sly!
He laughs at the scarecrow and then winks an eye.

D is for Dogfish and when he's in sight
The catfish, meowing, take refuge in flight.



E is for Elephant, jolly and fat,
With a large bouquet and a small straw hat.

F is for Frog, a stylish old fellow
His coat is bright green and his waistcoat is yellow.

G is for Goose on her way to the market.
She'd go in her Ford but there's no place to park it.

H is for Hippo, who likes to repose
While birdies fly down and perch on his nose.

I is for Insect, who sings without words.
He takes his umbrella to hide from the birds.

J is for Jay-bird, who sits in a tree
And scolds all the other birds
— sometimes scolds me.

K is for Kangaroo, great on the jump.
If you and I tried it, we'd come down bump! bump!

L is for Lion, who roars and all that
And is King of the Beasts, but he's just a big cat.

M is for Monkey. On branches
he swings,
Tossing down cocoanuts
and other good things.

N is for Night Heron fishing at night.
He's wondering now if he'll soon get a bite.

O is for Owl in evening dress suit.
He blinks at the moon and cries: "Hoot! Hoot!"

P is for Pelican, stocky and shy.
He gulps down a fish in the twink of an eye.

Q is for Quail. He's the farmers' delight.
He sits in the stubble and whistles "Bob White."

R is for Rabbit with babies galore,
Two baskets for Easter. At home she has more.

S is for Squirrel. Just hear him chatter.
Does he do it for fun or is something the matter?

T is for Turtle. Though slow
is his gait,
His home's on his back, so
he's never out late.

U is for Unicorn, left in the lurch.
About all he's good for is just for a perch.

V is for Vulture, who cleans up the way
In the far sunny Southland where black babies play.

W is for Wolf who prowls
on the plain,
While prairie-dogs scamper
their houses to gain.

X is for Xie. He's never been seen
Xcept by the artist — and then
in a dream.

Y is the Yellow-bird. See how
she's dressed
In bright crimson bonnet;
she's looking her best.

Z is for Zebra, a curious beast.
His stripes run around him from west to the east.

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